

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Salman Akram

Serial No.: 09/388,031

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For: METALLIZATION STRUCTURES FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INTERCONNECTS, METHODS FOR

MAKING SAME, AND

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

INCLUDING SAME

Confirmation No.: 3303

Examiner: E. Lee

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Sir:

The following remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed August 20, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on November 20, 2004. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

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